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SUBJ: SITREP NO. 30: PATTERSON KIDNAPPING: SITUATION AS OF

0630 LOCAL MARCH 29

1. ONLY DEVELOPMENT SINCE LAST SITREP WAS CIRCULATION OF RUMOR RPT RUMOR THAT BODY OF MAN RESEMBLING PATTERSON HAD BEEN FOUND, WITH TWO BULLET WOUNDS IN HEAD, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN NOGALES, ARIZ., AND TUCSON. RUMOR ORIGINATED IN HERMOSILLO, PROBABLY ON LOCAL TV NEWSCAST, AND ON REBROADCAST -- IF NOT ORIGINALLY -- RUMOR WAS CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS SUCH.

2. WHATEVER ITS ORIGIN, RUMOR RECEIVED SUFFICIENT CREDENCE AMONG GOM OFFICIALS IN HERMOSILLO TO PROMPT THEM TO ALERT SECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT MOYA PALENCIA, WHO IN TURN NOTIFIED AMBASSADOR. HOWEVER, PROMPT AND THOROUGH CHECK BY FBI AT PHOENIX WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND HOSPITALS THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN ARIZONA TURNED UP NOTHING IN WAY OF CORROBORATION.

3. CONGEN NOTES THAT SIMILAR RUMOR, BUT WITH "BODY" SUPPOSEDLY FOUND IN SONORA, SWEPT HERMOSILLO AFTERNOON OF MARCH 28 AND WAS GENERALLY IGNORED, ALTHOUGH CONGEN RECEIVED TELEPHONE INQUIRY ABOUT IT FROM NEWSPAPERWOMAN IN TUCSON.

4. IN ABSENCE OF HARD NEWS, SUCH RUMORS ARE LIKELY TO RECUR IN HERMOSILLO.

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